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Thereof**
Inventor: Deb K. Chatterjee

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OUR REF: 0942.2800008/RWE/RCM

MESSAGE

Further to our telephone conversation today, enclosed, please find a courtesy copy of the documents filed in the captioned application on April 30, 2002. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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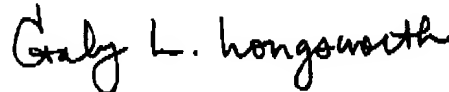
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Sir:

Further to the filing of a CPA on February 19, 2002, and the Examiner interview on March 27, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment to the claims be entered. This amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37

C.F.R. § 1.115 and MPEP 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

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